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The Honorable Andrew L. Carter, Jr. United States District Judge United States District Court Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square, Room 435 New York, NY 10007

Re: The New York Times Co. v. Department of Justice, 18 Civ. 7097 (ALC)

Dear Judge Carter:

This Office represents the Department of Justice in the above-referenced case, which concerns Plaintiffs' Freedom of Information Act request for a 2014 memorandum opinion from the Office of Legal Counsel ("OLC") to then-President Obama. *See* Dkt. No. 1 ¶ 8. As the Court is aware, OLC was in the final stages of a re-review of that memorandum opinion for potential publication. *See* Dkt. No. 9.

Pursuant to the Court's October 9, 2018, Order, Dkt. No. 11, I write to provide an update on the status of that review. Earlier this week, on November 7, 2018, OLC completed its review of the at-issue memorandum opinion and published it on its website. That same day, our Office advised Plaintiffs of the memorandum opinion's publication and provided an electronic copy by e-mail.

Our Office also inquired as to whether Plaintiffs would be willing to stipulate to dismissal of this action; Plaintiffs advised earlier today that they would agree to dismiss this case. The parties will submit a stipulation for the Court's approval shortly.

I thank the Court for its attention to this matter.

¹ https://www.justice.gov/olc/file/1108686/download.

Respectfully submitted,

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